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SUBJ: CAB ROUTE HEARINGS ON AIR SERVICE TO THE BAHAMAS

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PASS TO ARA/CAR - AMBASSADOR SCHWARTZ

1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO P.M.'S PRESS CONFERENCE EMBOFF HAD MEETING ON SEPT 19 WITH BALTRON B. BETHEL, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ON BAHAMAS INTEREST IN SECURING NEW AIR ROUTE CONNECTION WITH NORTHEAST U.S. CORRIDOR BEFORE BEGINNING OF NEW TOURIST CYCLE IN DECEMBER.

2. BETHEL SAID THAT PANAM'S AUTHORITY FOR SUSPENSION OF AIR SERVICE TO FREEPORT EXPIRES IN MARCH, 1978 AND THAT FOR NASSAU IN DECEMBER, 1977. HE NOTED THAT BAHAMAS GOVERNMENT HAD SECURED SERVICES OF LAW FIRM HOGAN AND HARTSON, 815 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. (PHONE 202-331-4500) TO PREPARE BAHAMAS FILING BRIEF FOR ADDITIONAL U.S. CARRIER SERVICE TO BAHAMAS (EDWARD MCDERMOTT AND GEORGE CARNEAL ARE TWO INDIVIDUALS AT THIS FIRM ACTUALLY ENGAGED ON DAY-TO-DAY WORK ON BEHALF OF BAHAMAS FILING). HE SAID BAHAMAS GOVT HAD ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES TO PREPARE LATTER FOR ITS FILING WITH THE CAB FOR EXEMPTION AUTHORITY,
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I.E. THE RIGHT FOR AMERICAN AIRLINES TO TAKE OVER PAN AMERICAN ROUTES TO THE BAHAMAS AS LONG AS PANAM SUSPENSION AUTHORITY REMAINS IN EFFECT. IN ADDITION HE EMPHASIZED AMERICAN AIRLINES IS PREPARING TO FILE A SEPARATE BRIEF WITH THE CAB FOR PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION OF THESE U.S. NORTHEAST AIR CORRIDOR ROUTES TO THE BAHAMAS.

3. BETHEL SAID HE WOULD BE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON SEPTEMBER 29 TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF THESE BRIEFS. HE SAID CAB HAS NOT YET SCHEDULED HEARING DATE ON BAHAMAS AND AMERICAN AIRLINES (AND OTHER AIRLINE) FILINGS. BETHEL SAID EARLY HEARING DATE IS ESSENTIAL SO THAT AMERICAN WOULD BE AMPLY PREPARED TO BEGIN SERVICE TO NASSAU AND FREEPORT AS SOON AS LEGALLY POSSIBLE SHOULD CAB APPROVAL BE FORTHCOMING.

4. BETHEL DOES NOT FORSEE ANY REQUEST FOR STATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, HE SAID COPIES OF THE FILINGS BAHAMAS AND AMERICAN AIRLINES HAVE MADE WITH CAB WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMBASSADOR SCHWARTZ (C/O BAHAMAS DESK OFFICER RUSSELL SURBER) SO THAT HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THEIR STATUS PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN NASSAU.
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